

CHOOSING A SCIENCE MAJOR CHECKLIST

CAREERS: Agronomy, Crop Science, Soil Science, Environmental Science

Choosing a major doesn't mean locking in your future; it means choosing a direction to explore. If you're interested in science but still figuring out what you enjoy, what you're good at, or where it could lead, this guide breaks the process into simple, actionable steps. Use this checklist to help you explore science majors and find one that fits your interests, strengths, and future goals, even if you're still figuring those out.

KNOW WHAT INTERESTS YOU

- ✓ I've identified science topics I enjoy (plants, environment, chemistry, data, problem-solving)
- ✓ I know whether I prefer labs, outdoor work, or hands-on projects
- ✓ I've noticed which science classes or activities keep my attention

UNDERSTAND YOUR STRENGTHS

- ✓ I know what I'm currently good at (problem-solving, observation, teamwork, math, tech)
- ✓ I understand I don't need to be "perfect" at science to major in it
- ✓ I'm open to building skills over time

LOOK FOR REAL-WORLD IMPACT

- ✓ I want a major that connects science to real problems
- ✓ I'm interested in food systems, sustainability, or environmental challenges
- ✓ I want my work to feel meaningful and useful

EXPLORE APPLIED SCIENCE MAJORS

- ✓ I've looked into agronomy, crop science, soil science, or environmental science
- ✓ I've read course descriptions—not just major titles
- ✓ I know which majors include labs, fieldwork, or research

KEEP YOUR OPTIONS OPEN

- ✓ I know it's okay to start undecided or change my major
- ✓ I've checked how flexible a program is if my interests change
- ✓ I'm choosing a direction, not a final answer

CONNECT MAJORS TO CAREERS

- ✓ I've reviewed example careers tied to each major
- ✓ I know whether the major leads to flexible career paths
- ✓ I've looked for internships or career supports

ASK FOR INPUT

- ✓ I've talked with a teacher, counselor, or advisor
- ✓ I've asked questions about majors at colleges I'm considering
- ✓ I've listened to current students or peers

FINAL FIT CHECK

- ✓ **This major matches my interests right now**
- ✓ **It helps me build useful science skills**
- ✓ **It keeps future options open**

REMEMBER

You don't need to have everything figured out. Choosing a science major is about exploring what you enjoy, building skills, and moving forward, one step at a time.